

The Romulus News

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Timely Tidbits ...

Fall Sports Kickoff

Several Romulus High School varsity sports teams will begin the fall season on Friday, August 25. Events include:

- boys' soccer (Carleton Airport at Romulus, 1 p.m.),
- tennis (New Boston Huron at Romulus, 4 p.m.),
- girls' basketball (Ypsilanti Lincoln at Romulus, 5:30 p.m.),
- football (Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Romulus, 7 p.m.).

For a complete RHS fall schedule, see pages 10–11.

Wesleyan Fun Fest

Romulus Wesleyan Church – located on Goddard at Five Points – welcomes everyone to its Fun Fest program, to be held August 25–27. An "all-free Friday" will feature a children's carnival beginning at 4 p.m., followed by refreshments and a movie (*Yours, Mine and Ours*) at dusk.

Saturday's attractions will include a Bike Show (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; \$5 entry fee) and a "Poker Run" scavenger hunt (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$5 entry fee), as well as free bingo for prizes (no cash), vendor/bake-sale items, and live music.

Sunday will wrap up with an 11 a.m. "Shorts & Sandals Service" next door at Mary Ann Banks Park. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs! A voluntary "love offering" will help feed area homeless.

APA Anniversary & Jones Sub Reunion

The American Progressive Association will celebrate its 65th anniversary at the Coleman Center (35351 Beverly) August 25–27. Festivities will be held in conjunction with the annual Jones Sub Reunion.

A "Meet & Greet" event will kick things off on Friday beginning at 5 p.m. The fun will continue on Saturday and Sunday, from noon to dusk, with food and refreshments, souvenir booths, and a variety of entertainments, including DJ music by Roy Williams and a horseshoe tournament sponsored by "Coach" Otha Green. □

Annual St. Aloysius Festival Offers Family Fun

Everyone is invited to take part in the 56th annual St. Aloysius Festival, which will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church on Friday, August 25, from 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, August 26, from 1 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, August 27, from noon to 7 p.m. (See the advertisement on page 9 for directions to the festival site.) Among the highlights:

Las Vegas Tent

For many festival-goers, one of the biggest attractions is the Las Vegas Tent, where adults (age 18 and older) can try their luck at games of chance like Black Jack and the wildly popular Texas Hold 'Em. The Las Vegas Tent will be open throughout the festival.

Bingo!

The St. Aloysius Festival will again feature bingo throughout the entire weekend. Cards for the 50/50 games (in which half the income collected from each game is used for prize money) are \$.25 each or \$1 for 5.

Raffles

Of course, the easiest way to try your luck is to invest in raffle tickets. Ticket-buyers can choose between the 50/50 Hourly Raffle (tickets – \$1 each or 6 for \$5; cash prizes equal half the money garnered from each hour's sales) or the Grand Raffle (tickets – \$1 each or 6 for \$5; three large prizes – \$5,000, \$1,000, and \$500).

Better yet, since the proceeds from all raffles benefit the St. Aloysius General Fund, why not buy plenty of each?

Carnival Rides

What's a festival without rides? Fortunately, there will be enough of them to satisfy kids' biggest carnival cravings throughout the festival.

Entertainment

Music will again be the backbone of the entertainment at the festival. Among the scheduled performers:

- **Zack Entertainment** – DJ & Karaoke (Friday, 7 to 11 p.m.)
- **DJ Dennis Kovacs** (Saturday, 1 to 6 p.m.)
- **Channel 6** (Saturday, 7 to 11 p.m.)
- **Misty Blues** (Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.)

Other entertainment offerings will include a **Motorcycle Show** (Saturday from 2 to 7 p.m.) and a **Games/Arcade Area** (open throughout the festival).

Dog Show

Returning after last year's popular debut will be an "informal" dog show, scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. sharp in the main entertainment pavilion.

Following a "pooch parade," Councilman Bill Wadsworth and Jeff and Sue Kotlarek will judge competition in the following categories: "Best Trick," "Best Dressed," "Most Obedient," "Most Vocal," "Most Unusual," and "Closest Look-alikes" (strongest resemblance between dog and owner). DJ Dennis Kovacs will provide music for the event.

Other highlights will include a free dog "manicure" (nail trim) service offered by Angel of Wash-n-Wags in Plymouth (beginning at around noon), and "door prizes" generously donated by local businesses such as PetSmart.

A registration fee of \$10 per dog covers competition in all six categories. Call Gloria (734-941-5848) for more info.

Please note that all dogs must be leashed or crated, and owners are required to clean up after their pets. St. Aloysius does not assume any liability in the event of an accident or other misfortune involving dogs, their owners, or spectators.

Food ...

Of course, there will be plenty of delicious food! Visit the Dining Room on Friday between 5:30 and 8 p.m. for a **Spaghetti Dinner** and on Saturday from 3 to 7 p.m. (or until sold out) for a **Grilled Steak Dinner**, then come back on Sunday between noon and 5 p.m. (or until sold out) for an old-fashioned **Chicken Dinner** with all the trimmings.

Tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner are \$6 for adults/\$3 for children 10 and under; Steak Dinner tickets are \$8 each; and Chicken Dinner tickets are \$8 for adults/\$4 for children.

For more "traditional" carnival fare, stop by **Hamburger Villa** for hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, pizza, chips, coffee, pop, and other refreshments.

... and Drink

This year's **Spirit Tent** will serve chips, pretzels, pop, and nonalcoholic "beer" in addition to wine, wine coolers, and beer by the pitcher and the cup. You must be at least 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages.

White Elephant Sale/Crafts/Vendors

Numerous eight-foot tables covered with everything from Christmas crafts to vendor products offer a great way to get a jump on your holiday shopping! Also featured: a "carpet remnants" sale, with pieces up to 12 feet in length!

Don't Forget To Say "Thanks!"

Be sure to take a minute and say "Thanks!" to the good people who make the fun happen, especially festival chairs Retta Matt and Rob McLachlan, as well as event chairs Jennifer Bunyak, David Dick, Shannon Kehn, Stephan Kertesz, Candy Lewkowicz, Joe Ozog, the Prater Family, Cindy Rhoton, Gloria Sanborn, Jenny Sayer, Don and Margaret Taylor, Heather and Joe VanAssche, and Darryl and Sharon Zilka. □

Search for Raven's Killer Continues

Although police have confirmed the identity of a badly burned body found in Romulus earlier this month, they still have many unanswered questions.

The body – which was lying in a field near the intersection of Ecorse and Henry Ruff roads – was discovered on the morning of Monday, August 10. DNA tests later verified that it was Raven Jeffries, a seven-year-old Detroit girl who had been missing since the previous Friday evening.

Detective Lieutenant John Leacher of the Romulus Police Department, which is conducting the homicide investigation, said that Raven's body was too badly burned and decomposed to determine a specific cause or time of death. Police are also unsure if the little girl had been the victim of sexual or other abuse, or was alive when the fire was set.

Leacher said that he and his col-

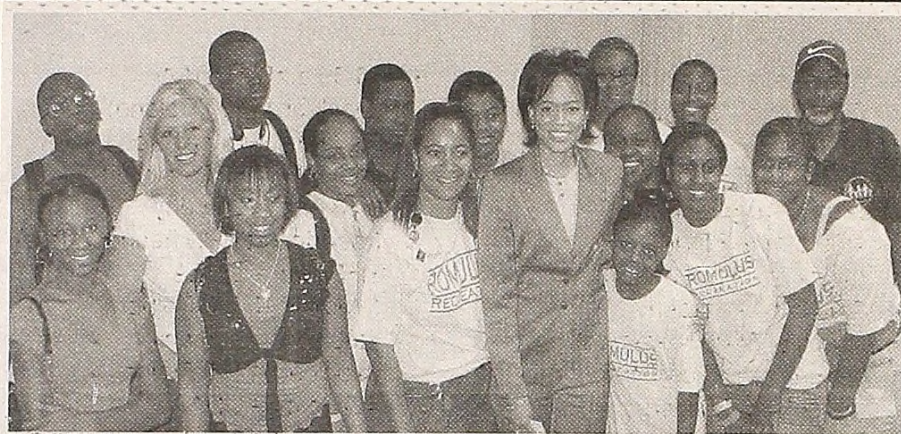
leagues are "following up on multiple leads," but had no further comment on whether they have a primary suspect, or whether a family member or friend appears to be involved. He did state, however, that there doesn't appear to be any "Romulus connection" in the case.

With so little evidence to go on, police are hoping for helpful tips from area citizens. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Romulus Police Department at 734-942-6879. Callers can remain anonymous ... but Leacher is hoping that they won't.

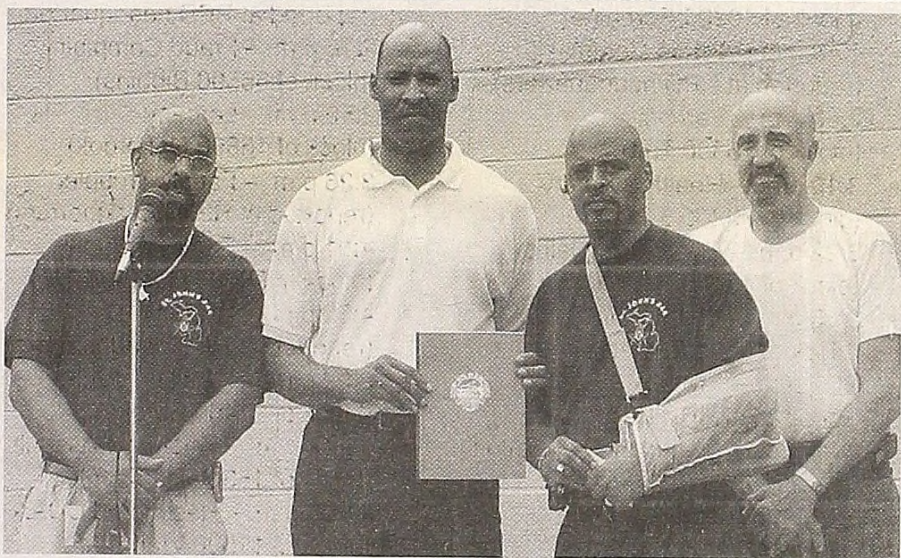
"Although people don't have to identify themselves when they call in a tip, we would prefer that they leave their name and telephone number, if possible," he said.

Having contact information allows police to ask follow-up questions that clarify the original tip. □

Around the City



When the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance brought its "Healthy You" Tour to the Van Buren Recreation Center on Thursday, August 17, the Romulus Recreation Department brought a contingency of young persons to the event, while others from the area were chaperoned by Reverend Arthur Willis of the PEN Enrichment Center. Local celebrities at the event included Fox 2 news personality Fanchon Stinger (pictured above, along with area youth, Reverend Willis, and Romulus Recreation Department staff members Kristin Irwin, Tanya Cofield, Kim Fultz, and Arlethea Stoddemire).



Randy Gear (second from left), chairman of the Romulus City Council, and Councilman Harry Crout (right) presented an official proclamation to St. John's Lodge #44 for its annual Youth Day Picnic, a back-to-school event which featured free school supplies for local youth, as well as teeth cleanings at a mobile dental clinic and MICHIP (Michigan CHild Identification Program) registration. Accepting the proclamation on behalf of St. John's Lodge were Harry Anderson, junior warden (left), and Jeff Chandler, worshipful master.

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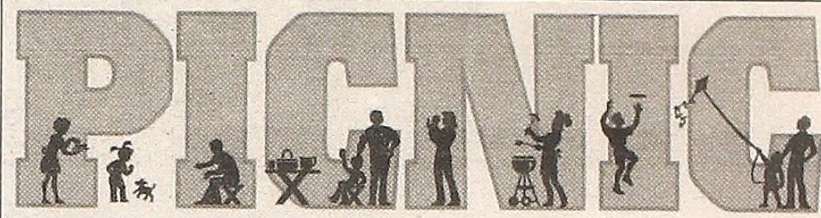
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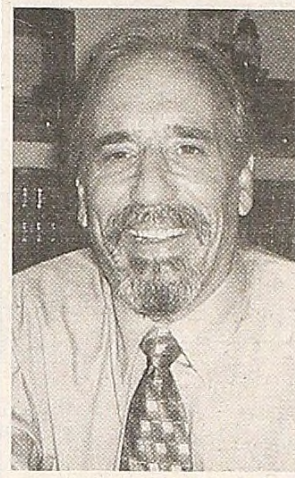
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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Friday, July 28, through Tuesday, August 8. (Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Friday, July 28

- 6:59 a.m. – Property Damage/ Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 28600 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 8:25 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 13100 Homefield)
- 3:17 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile) (block of 7060 Birchdale)
- 3:37 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Mesa Way)
- 5:05 p.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 27800 Goddard)
- 5:30 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9570 Cogswell)
- 5:44 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 8320 Merriman)
- 6:07 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6980 Birchdale)
- 7:17 p.m. – OUIL (block of 29400 Van Born)
- 8:05 p.m. – OUIL (block of 36800 Ecorse)

Saturday, July 29

- 12:48 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 1:23 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 9960 Wayne)
- 8:22 a.m. – Rescue (block of 5800 Wayne)
- 8:53 a.m. – Threats (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 9:48 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34000 Beverly)

- 12:23 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 1:54 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 4:56 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:19 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15800 Middlebelt)
- 6:15 p.m. – Larceny (block of 38300 Tyler)
- 10:20 p.m. – Fireworks (W. Maple)
- 10:47 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 28600 Zellmer)
- 10:55 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/ Runaway (JC/R) (block of 37300 Goddard)
- 11:50 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 38900 Tempe)

Sunday, July 30

- 12:07 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 7:15 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 7980 Fallow Ct.)
- 10:45 a.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:48 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 11:20 a.m. – Fight (block of 16400 Middlebelt)
- 2:47 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 15100 Mountain Way)
- 3:50 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 5:48 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34100 McBride)
- 8:34 p.m. – OUIL (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 10:29 p.m. – UDAA (block of 28700 Northline)
- 11:59 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 10000 Diane)

Monday, July 31

- 4:55 a.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:47 a.m. – B&E (block of 29000 Airport Dr.)
- 9:29 a.m. – B&E (block of 38700 Navajo)
- 10:32 a.m. – OUIL (block of 11000 Inkster)
- 11:09 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 28700 Northline)
- 11:52 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 12:27 p.m. – Larceny (block of 32300 Gateway Dr.)
- 12:49 p.m. – A&B (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 2:10 p.m. – Threats (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 2:59 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6400 Merriman)

- 7:36 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6010 Chamberlain)
- 11:10 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9960 Wayne)

Tuesday, August 1

- 4:39 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5940 Panam)
- 7:30 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 7:43 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9730 Lisa)
- 7:59 a.m. – OUIL (block of 34100 Pennsylvania)
- 9:54 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 29400 Hildebrandt)
- 10:15 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 35600 Van Born)
- 11:23 a.m. – Larceny (block of 35700 Garner)
- 12:31 p.m. – B&E (block of 8300 Wahrman)
- 1:04 p.m. – Larceny (block of 10200 Romaine)
- 1:49 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:50 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15800 Taft)
- 3:10 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 39200 Superior)
- 3:22 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 13100 Hannan)
- 3:35 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6000 E. Maple)
- 3:37 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:28 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 35600 Mary)
- 5:13 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15500 Brandt)
- 6:20 p.m. – Overdose (block of 8380 Wahrman)
- 6:49 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30700 Eureka)
- 8:36 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 8:58 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15000 Mesa Way)
- 9:05 p.m. – Threats (block of 9030 Gabriel)
- 11:09 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15000 Woodmont)

Wednesday, August 2

- 2:46 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 15600 Harriet)
- 3:36 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 4:03 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 7:36 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6150 Dexter)
- 8:14 a.m. – Health & Safety (block of 8960 Grover)
- 8:55 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 35600 Van Born)

- 10:39 a.m. – UDAA (block of 11400 Delano)
- 2:47 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 7780 Merriman)
- 3:43 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:55 p.m. – UDAA (block of 15000 Colbert)
- 4:38 p.m. – Larceny (block of 31100 FLynn Dr.)
- 4:52 p.m. – UDAA (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:50 p.m. – UDAA (block of 11500 Delano)

Thursday, August 3

- 12:03 a.m. – OUIL (block of 9200 Wayne)
- 9:27 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15500 Colbert)
- 11:06 a.m. – B&E (block of 31400 Smith)
- 1:08 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:16 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 36500 Bibbins)
- 2:56 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15800 Oakbrook)
- 3:26 p.m. – Family Trouble (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:01 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 36600 Goddard)
- 4:52 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:02 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 10:12 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 15300 Harrison)
- 11:08 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 11500 Wahrman)
- 11:22 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 11:52 p.m. – Larceny (block of 38700 Rodeo)

Friday, August 4


- 12:58 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 6070 Colorado)
- 2:47 a.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 12000 Craig)
- 3:12 a.m. – Rescue (block of 15000 Mesa Way)
- 7:38 a.m. – Threats (block of 9190 Wickham)
- 8:07 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6330 Beverly Plaza)
- 9:15 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 39200 Montana)
- 10:25 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 28800 Highland)
- 11:34 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28000 Wick)
- 11:37 a.m. – UDAA (block of 29100 Wick)
- 1:08 p.m. – Larceny (block of 38200 McDonald Dr.)

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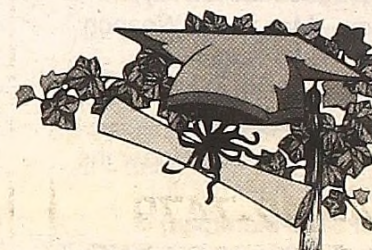
Community Middle School has:

- individualized instruction by middle-school specialist teachers.
- extensive computer technology integrated into each academic area.
- a supportive environment that encourages student achievement.
- cross-curricular lessons, such as the Caymen Islands Unit, which includes scuba-diving experience.



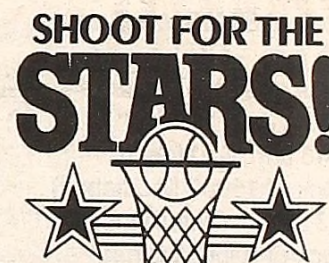
Community High School has:

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- 2:26 p.m. - PD/MDOP (block of 28400 Wick)
- 4:40 p.m. - JC/R (block of 6600 Washington)
- 6:56 p.m. - Mental Incapacitation (block of 16200 Middlebelt)
- 8:15 p.m. - Mental Incapacitation (block of 9340 Wayne)
- 8:17 p.m. - Neighbor Trouble (block of 11100 Delano)

Saturday, August 5

- 12:11 a.m. - OUIL (block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 12:12 a.m. - Family Trouble (block of 9430 Karen)
- 4:08 a.m. - Disturbance (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 6:45 a.m. - Family Trouble (block of 30400 Teak Ln.)
- 10:15 a.m. - Family Trouble (block of 6150 Tyndall)
- 10:47 a.m. - Felonious Assault (block of 7180 Dodge)
- 12:00 p.m. - Family Trouble (block of 6790 Merriman)
- 3:05 p.m. - Neighbor Trouble (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 4:57 p.m. - Larceny (block of 29400 Pennsylvania)
- 8:10 p.m. - B&E (block of 5900 E. Maple)
- 8:12 p.m. - Threats (block of 6350 Colorado)
- 9:15 p.m. - Family Trouble (block of 15700 Isabelle)
- 11:42 p.m. - Disturbance (block of 13200 Huron River Dr.)

Sunday, August 6

- 2:06 a.m. - B&E (block of 8280 Wayne)
- 2:40 a.m. - Disturbance (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 3:28 a.m. - JC/R (block of 15700 Springhill)
- 4:05 a.m. - Disturbance (block of 34700 Wick)
- 7:17 a.m. - Disturbance (block of 9270 Middlebelt)
- 9:56 a.m. - PD/MDOP (block of 37400 Heroux)
- 11:17 a.m. - Disturbance (block of 31200 Ecorse)
- 11:36 a.m. - Mental Incapacitation (block of 8530 Whitehorn)
- 12:03 p.m. - Threats (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 1:03 p.m. - OUIL (block of 7100 Middlebelt)
- 6:20 p.m. - Death Investigation (block of 16000 Farnum)
- 6:30 p.m. - Drug-related Activity/Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 15000 Middlebelt)
- 6:52 p.m. - Family Trouble (block of 35700 Smith)
- 7:05 p.m. - Larceny (block of 32800 Gateway Dr.)
- 7:11 p.m. - Recovered UDAA (block of 6310 Middlebelt)

- 11:01 p.m. - JC/R (block of 8630 Whitehorn)

Monday, August 7

- 12:45 a.m. - Disturbance (block of 11000 Delano)
- 6:06 a.m. - Larceny (block of 30500 Leroy)
- 7:49 a.m. - Larceny (block of 39100 Nottingham Dr.)
- 8:12 a.m. - Larceny (block of 6330 Beverly Plaza)
- 9:57 a.m. - Homicide (block of 32700 Henry Ruff)
- 1:43 p.m. - Felonious Assault (block of 27400 Van Born)
- 2:29 p.m. - Mental Incapacitation (block of 36500 Bibbins)
- 2:55 p.m. - Disturbance (block of 15300 Merriman)
- 3:01 p.m. - Larceny (block of 28200 Goddard)
- 4:49 p.m. - Larceny (block of 8450 Merriman)
- 8:07 p.m. - Disturbance (block of 38500 Beverly)
- 10:24 p.m. - JC/R (block of 37400 Tyler)
- 10:58 p.m. - JC/R (block of 15100 Brandt)

Tuesday, August 8

- 4:20 a.m. - Robbery Alarm (block of 9240 Middlebelt)
- 5:05 a.m. - OUIL (block of 5800 Wayne)
- 7:59 a.m. - Shots Fired (block of 33900 Pine Wood Cir.)
- 8:03 a.m. - Family Trouble (block of 9350 Washington)
- 9:32 a.m. - Harassment Complaint (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 9:33 a.m. - Larceny (block of 6000 E. Maple)
- 11:19 a.m. - Larceny (block of 10100 Diane)
- 11:21 a.m. - Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:53 a.m. - Larceny (block of 38400 Northline)
- 1:20 p.m. - Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:48 p.m. - Fraud Complaint (block of 30600 Eureka)
- 4:46 p.m. - Fraud Complaint (block of 10200 Romaine)
- 6:12 p.m. - JC/R (block of 35700 Sussex Ct.)
- 7:00 p.m. - Man with a Weapon (block of 9890 Wayne)
- 8:05 p.m. - OUIL (block of 34400 Eureka)
- 8:25 p.m. - OUIL (block of 27400 Eureka)
- 9:10 p.m. - Fight (block of 35100 Ronald)
- 9:52 p.m. - Family Trouble (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 10:44 p.m. - B&E (block of 38700 Rodeo)
- 11:04 p.m. - PD/MDOP (block of 30100 Cherry) □

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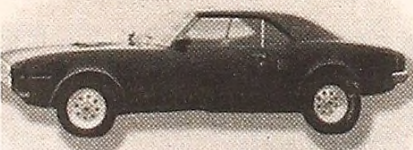
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- A Presidential Award-winning Service Learning program

For summer enrollment information, please call 734-532-1610, or visit the Romulus Community Schools Administrative Offices, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. For district tours and/or questions, please contact Dick Kruse at 734-532-1626. For virtual tours and further information, please visit www.romulus.net.

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New Program Helps Romulus Students "Learn To Give"



Meeting last month to discuss a powerful new service-learning program being implemented in the Romulus Community Schools were: (from left) front – Margie McAnally (principal, Romulus Elementary), Serena Kessler (teacher, Romulus High School), Kathy Hurst (teacher, Wick Elementary), ShaVonna Johnson (principal, Wick), Julie Forth (teacher, Wick), and Sara Schiappacasse (teacher, Halecreek Elementary); back – Dan Hurst (principal, RHS), Jeanne Prisco (teacher, Merriman Elementary), Rob Baty (learning specialist, Cory Elementary), Jason Salhaney (teacher, Halecreek), Scott Jastrzab (teacher, Barth Elementary), Carl J. Weiss (superintendent), and Shannon Collum Mullin (teacher, RHS).

Romulus Community Schools staff members are excited about a new service-learning program that will be implemented in district schools this year. Wick Elementary teacher Kathy Hurst, the district's former Service Learning coordinator, was among about a dozen administrators and teachers who met last month to discuss the program, known as The LEAGUE Powered by Learning to Give.

"The LEAGUE is a unique and powerful pilot program whose goal is to change the world!" said Hurst. "This program, structured like a sports league, will focus students' attention and action on giving back to the community, while also learning grade-level content."

"Imagine a Serve-A-Thon that kicks off the school year – and, at year's end, an Awards Celebration that recognizes student achievement," she continued. "Now, imagine everything in between – fun, service-oriented events and activi-

ties tied to Thanksgiving, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Valentine's Day, and Earth Day, and supported by lessons about philanthropic concepts and everyday heroic people. Students will learn why they should be a part of their community, the reasons that they should act for the common good, and how that dovetails with participation in the democratic process."

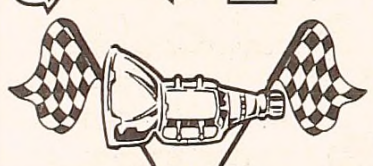
In the end, Hurst hopes that Romulus students will discover how they can make this a better, more compassionate world.

"The ultimate goal of The LEAGUE is to help young people discover the philanthropist within, and to develop a lifelong love of giving ... giving of their time, talent, and – yes – treasure for the common good," she concluded.

For more information, or to volunteer for LEAGUE projects in your neighborhood school, call the school and ask to speak to the LEAGUE coach. □

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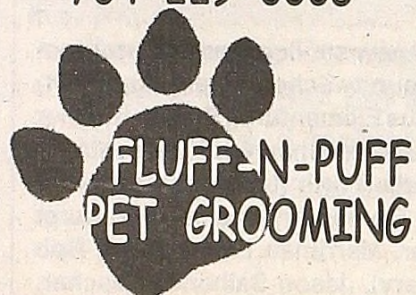
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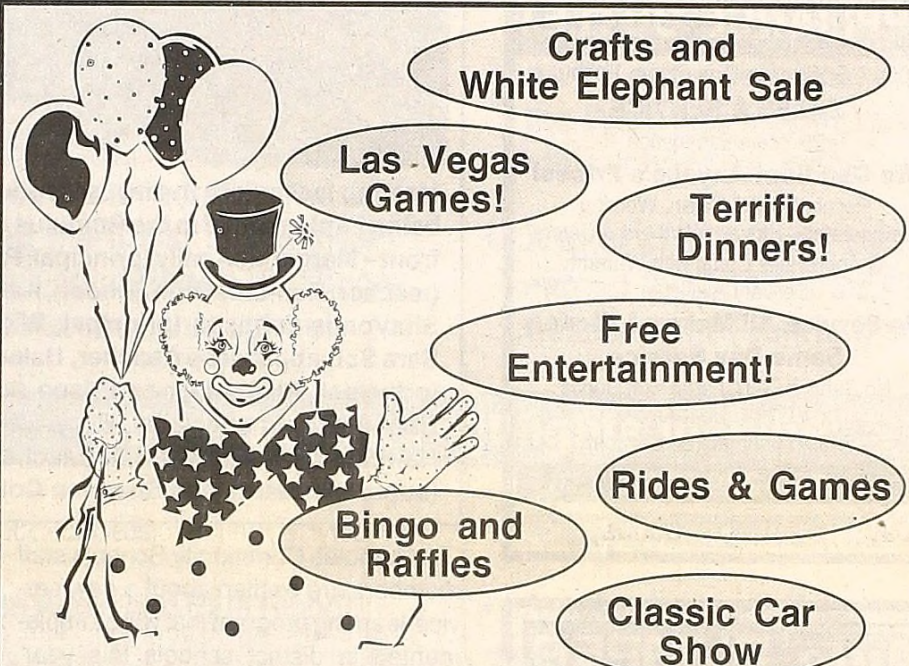
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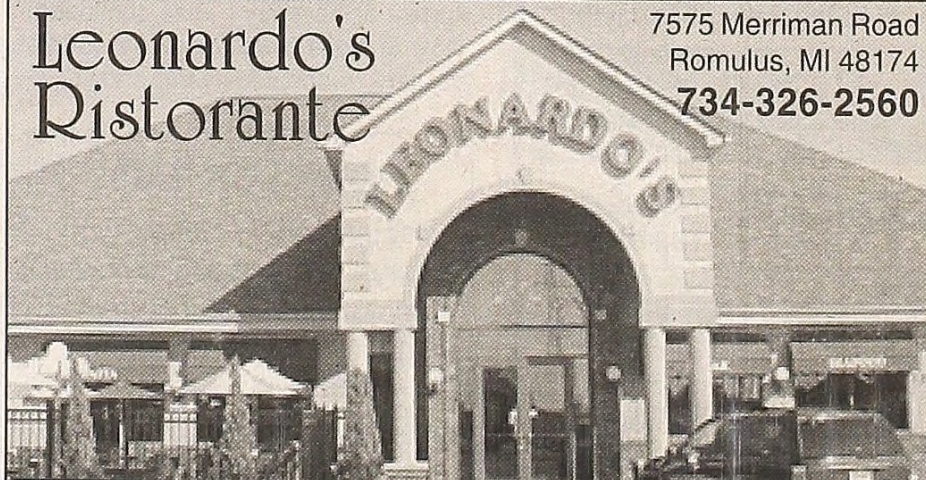
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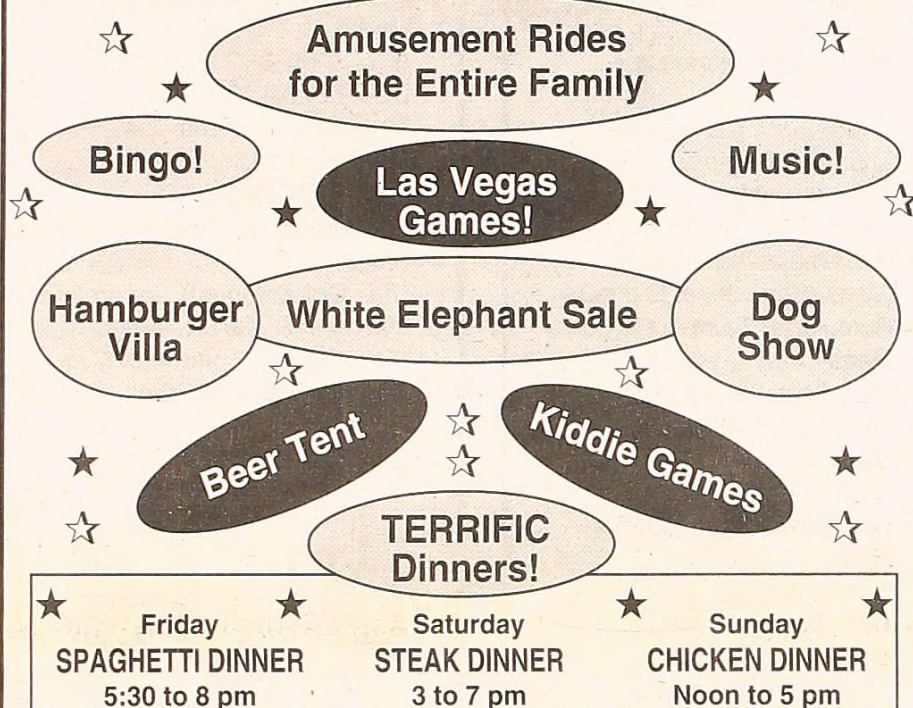
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Community Calendar

- **Parade Entries Sought** – The 8th Annual Romulus Parade of Lights, sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club, is set for Friday, September 15, at 8 p.m. As always, the parade will kick off the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, which will run throughout the weekend. The parade brings more people to downtown Romulus than any other single event, according to Rotary member Christopher Hardy, and is considered to be a "must see" by many area residents. To find out more about participating, visit the Rotary Web site – www.romulusrotary.org – or call 734-941-5245.
- **"Teen Idol" Audition Tapes Sought** – Audition tapes for the upcoming "Romulus Teen Idol" competition – open to male and female vocalists ages 13 to 19 – are currently being solicited by the Pumpkin Festival Committee. To enter, send a copy of your tape (which cannot be returned) and your contact information to: Romulus Teen Idol, c/o Romulus City Hall, 11111 S. Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174. Tapes must be received by the Committee no later than September 1, 2006, to be considered for the contest. Finalists selected during the audition process will perform at the Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, September 16. Call Marianne Guzall (734-955-4502) for info.
- **Pumpkin Festival Bingo Benefits Animal Shelter Fund** – Among the highlights at the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival will be the fourth annual Bingo Benefit for the Friends of the Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. The event, to be held at the new Romulus Senior Center at the corner of Bibbins and Shook, will run from 5 p.m. to midnight on Friday, September 15; noon to midnight on Saturday, September 16; and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 17. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth at 734-941-0616 or Joe Ozog at 941-3466.
- **September Sermon Series** – During the month of September, Pastor Mark Miller of Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive, across from the Police Department) will present a series of messages in conjunction with the church's Open Doors program. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:45 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m. A coffee reception will follow the worship service. Series topics will include: *Open Hearts* (September 3), *Open Minds* (September 10), *Open Doors* (September 17), and *Family Values Redefined* (September 24). For more information, call the church office at 734-941-0736 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
- **New Superintendent to Speak at Luncheon** – Carl J. Weiss, recently appointed superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools, will be the guest speaker at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce's next luncheon, to be held at the Best Western (9191 Wickham) on Tuesday, September 19. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at noon. Cost is \$15 for members; \$18 for nonmembers. RSVP (734-326-4290) by September 15.
- **Join the Belleville Community Chorus** – The Belleville Community Chorus will hold voice placement screenings at the Belleville Chamber of Commerce office (248 Main St.), by appointment only, on August 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. Come prepared to sing a song of your choice, and bring music if needed. For more information, call Claudia Roullier at 734-647-4930 (days) or 734-697-8235 (evenings), or e-mail her at claudr@bus.umich.edu.
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of suggested books will be available at the library. Books planned for upcoming discussions are: *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* by John Perkins (September 11), *Eva Moves the Furniture* by Margot Livesey (November 13), and *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway (December 11). For info, call 734-942-7589.
- **Relief from the Heat** – Romulus residents who need to escape summer's extreme heat can take shelter at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins), which will be open from 8 a.m. to dusk on days when the temperature is above 80°F and the humidity is above 75%. Beverages will be available, but guests will need to provide their own food, and should also bring something to help pass the time. Children *must* be supervised by an adult. No pets are allowed. For more information, call 734-955-4120.

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- Lincoln (Ypsilanti) at Romulus (Thurs., Aug. 31, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Cabrini (Allen Park) (Thurs., Sept. 7, 5:30 p.m.)
- Kennedy (Taylor) at Romulus (Tues., Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Thurs., Sept. 14, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Hamady (Flint) (Tues., Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Huron (Ann Arbor) (Tues., Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wyandotte – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 28, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster – Mega (Tues., Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 5, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville – Mega (Tues., Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m.)
- Southgate at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 12, 5:30 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus – Mega (Tues., Oct. 17, 5:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m.)
- Wyandotte at Romulus – Mega (Tues., Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 26, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe – Mega (Tues., Oct. 31, 5:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Nov. 2, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Southgate – Mega (Tues., Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park – Mega (Tues., Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m.)



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RHS Tennis**Mega White Division – Varsity**

- Huron (New Boston) at Romulus (Fri., Aug. 25, 4 p.m.)
- Garden City at Romulus (Mon., Aug. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Edsel Ford (Dearborn) (Wed., Aug. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 6, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Taylor) (Fri., Sept. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Redford) (Mon., Sept. 11, 4 p.m.)
- Wyandotte at Romulus (Fri., Sept. 15, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Garden City (Mon., Sept. 18, 4 p.m.)
- Edsel Ford (Dearborn) at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 20, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Fri., Sept. 22, 4 p.m.)
- Kennedy (Taylor) at Romulus (Mon., Sept. 25, 4 p.m.)
- Thurston (Redford) at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 27, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wyandotte (Wed., Oct. 4, 4 p.m.)

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RHS Golf**Mega Gold Division – Varsity**

- Romulus at Melvindale (Taylor Meadows Golf Course) (Wed., Sept. 6, TBA)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Green Oaks Golf Course, Ypsilanti) (Mon., Sept. 11, TBA)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 13, TBA)
- Melvindale at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 20, TBA)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Wed., Sept. 27, TBA)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Green Oaks Golf Course, Ypsilanti) (Mon., Oct. 2, TBA)



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RHS Boys' Soccer**Mega Blue Division – Varsity**

- Airport (Carleton) at Romulus (Fri., Aug. 25, 1 p.m.)
- Truman (Taylor) at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Aug. 28, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park – Mega (Wed., Aug. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Redford Union at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Sept. 6, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Bedford (Temperance) (Mon., Sept. 11, 5:30 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus – Mega (Wed., Sept. 13, 4 p.m.)
- Thurston (Redford) at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Sept. 18, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Airport (Carleton) (Wed., Sept. 20, 4:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Taylor) – Mega (Fri., Sept. 22, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus – Mega (Mon., Sept. 25, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Union – Mega (Wed., Sept. 27, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale – Mega (Wed., Oct. 4, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Redford) – Mega (Mon., Oct. 9, TBA)



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RHS Boys' X-Country**Mega White Division – Varsity**

- Romulus at Jamboree (Monroe) (Tues., Sept. 12, TBA)
- Romulus at Jamboree (Redford Union) (Wed., Sept. 20, TBA)
- Romulus at Jefferson (Monroe) Invitational (Sterling State Park, Monroe) (Sat., Sept. 23, TBA)
- Romulus at Jamboree (Taylor Kennedy) (Tues., Oct. 3, TBA)
- Romulus at Jamboree (Trenton) (Thurs., Oct. 19, TBA)

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RHS Football**Mega Blue Division – Varsity**

- Robichaud (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus (Fri., Aug. 25, 7 p.m.)
- Thurston (Redford) at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Aug. 31, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Gibraltar) – Mega (Fri., Sept. 8, 7 p.m.)
- Crestwood (Dearborn Heights) at Romulus – Mega (Fri., Sept. 15, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Garden City – Mega (Fri., Sept. 22, 7 p.m.)
- HOMECOMING River Rouge at Romulus – Mega (Fri., Sept. 29, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park – Mega (Fri., Oct. 6, 7 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus – Mega (Fri., Oct. 13, 7 p.m.)
- Country Day (Detroit) at Romulus (Fri., Oct. 20, 7 p.m.)

**Mega Blue Division – JV**

- Romulus at Robichaud (Dearborn Heights) (Thurs., Aug. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Thurston (Redford) – Mega (Thurs., Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m.)
- Carlson (Gibraltar) at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 7, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood (Dearborn Heights) – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 14, 7 p.m.)
- Garden City at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 21, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge – Mega (Thurs., Sept. 28, TBA)
- Highland Park at Romulus – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 5, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster – Mega (Thurs., Oct. 12, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Country Day (Detroit) (Thurs., Oct. 19, 6 p.m.)

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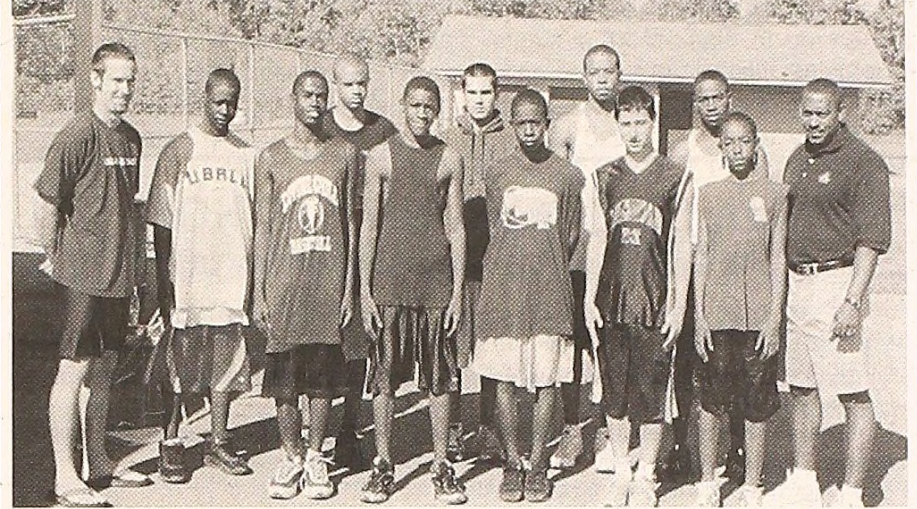
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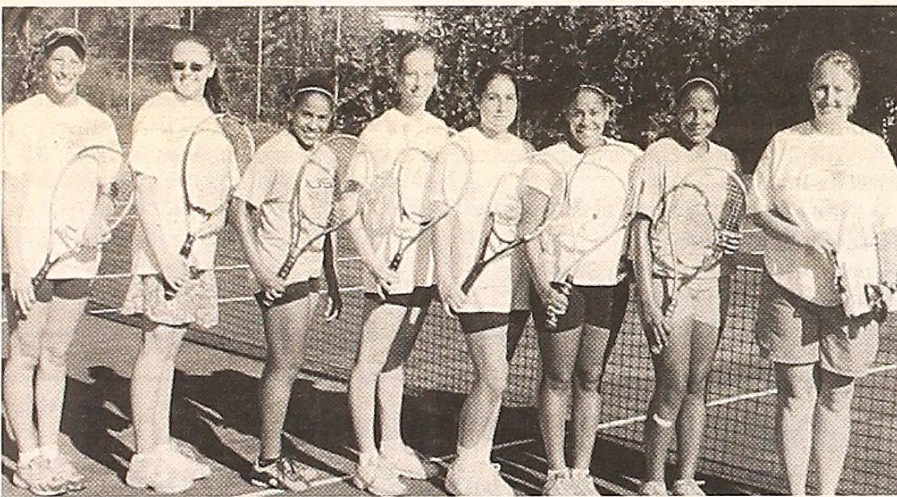
RHS Fall Sports



Head coach Paul Niedermeyer (right) and assistant coach Karl Wukie (left) introduced members of the 2006 Romulus High School Eagles golf team: (from left) Chris Withrow, Nick Curry, Carl Roscoe, Matt Wagle, Chad Williams, Donald Williams, Chad Hardy, Cordis Hayes, and Shawn Reeves.



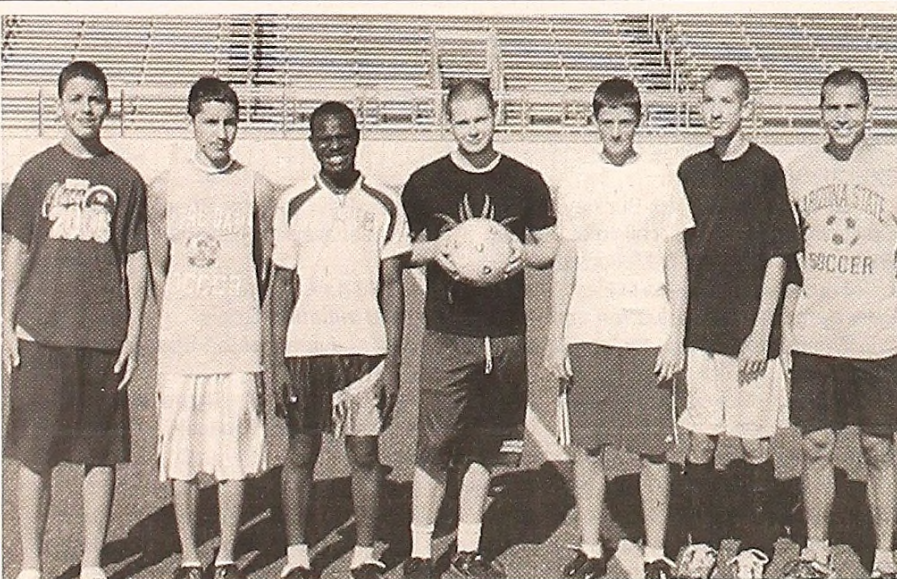
Mark Woodson (right), Athletics Department director, and Ken Beesley (left), head coach, presented members of the 2006 RHS cross-country team: (from left) front – Donnell Jones, Mark Proctor, James Williams, Andre Wells, Chris McQuiston, and Adrian Brewer; back – Ron Kersey, Fred Sirhan, Shon Aggison, and Tonio Garrison.



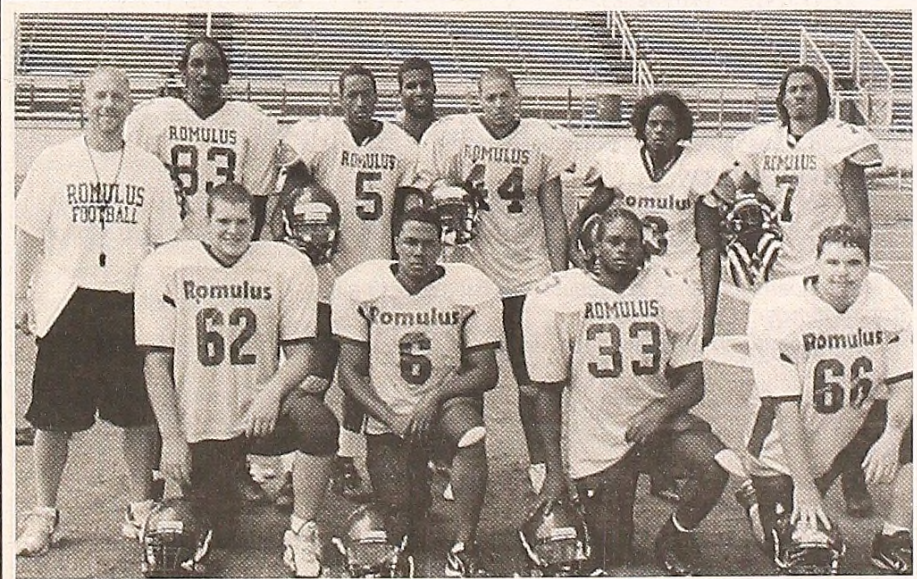
Head coach Kathleen Forrest (right) presented some of the leaders of her 2006 RHS Lady Eagles tennis team: (from left) Jessica Dick, Desirea Yates, Janeice McNeal, Jennifer Dick, Joy Jendritz, Joya McNeal, and Jennifer Logan.



RHS head basketball coach Candice Finley (right) introduced her assistants and team leaders for 2006: (from left) front – Cristina Barnett and Brandi McCloud; back – Kiwan Ward (JV coach), Ryann Kilgore (assistant varsity coach), Jasmine Brown, Alysa Long, and Erika Wasson.



Joel Hockin (right), head coach of the RHS boys' soccer team, introduced some of his 2006 team leaders: (from left) Steven Hicks, Alfonso Garcia, Jackie Igbinobaro, Brian Householder, James McGlynn, and Derek Bennett.



Team leaders for the 2006 RHS football team, under head coach Matt Ladach (back, left), include: (from left) front – Joe Kiesznowski, Rod Walker, Cedric Smith, and Will Braden; back – Antoine James, Andre Smith, Blake Perkins, Terrel White, Eric Smith, and Shane Wells.

RHS Students Make Stronger Showing on AP Test Results

Tom Dolan, Curriculum Department director for the Romulus Community Schools, was pleased to announce that Romulus High School students did a good job on their advanced-placement (AP) tests last spring.

The tests are national examinations administered to high-school students who take AP classes in order to earn college credits. Students must pass each

course's national exam to receive college credit for that subject.

Dolan reported, "Fifty-two percent of Romulus High School students who took AP courses passed their national tests last spring.

"This represents a significant improvement over past years," he added.

RHS principal Dan Hurst noted, "Students and their parents are often

especially concerned about passing these national AP tests because the college credits that students earn can result in a significant educational cost savings in the future."

Hurst said he was "very proud" of the 44 students who took a total of 63

tests in subjects like biology, calculus, English, US history, government, and psychology.

"We encourage our students to reach for the stars and maximize their educational experiences at Romulus High School," he concluded.

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STUDY SESSION, JULY 31, 2006

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 31, 2006, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/06/28 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7/06/29 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Frayer, to convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and White. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:32 p.m.

7/06/30 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Frayer, to convene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, and White. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting reconvened in Regular Session at 8:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/06/31 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Frayer, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Niema White, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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STUDY SESSION, AUGUST 2, 2006

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, August 2, 2006, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Members Niema White, Betty Lenossi, and April Frayer were excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/06/1 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Buckley, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION - SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Limited Schools of Choice at Halecreek Elementary and Merriman Elementary, and its impact on the Romulus Community Schools. Parents addressed the Board of Education with questions about truancy, financial contributions to the district with enrollment, and transportation. Superintendent Weiss responded to questions.

Several Halecreek parents were concerned about existing classroom splits, and were informed by Superintendent Weiss that every effort would be made to fill classrooms so that splits are not necessary. However, because of costs and numbers in grades, sometimes it is difficult for districts not to have split classes.

Superintendent Weiss further stated that every effort would be made to try to keep class sizes low.

8/06/2 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to adjourn. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Acting Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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STUDY SESSION, AUGUST 3, 2006

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Thursday, August 3, 2006, was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Vice-president Kenneth Mientkiewicz.

Roll call showed members Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Members Celeste Roscoe and April Frayer were excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-president Mientkiewicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/06/3 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8/06/4 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, to convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, Lenossi, and White. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:46 p.m.

Superintendent Carl J. Weiss

The Board and Superintendent discussed goals and terms of the Superintendent's evaluation.

8/06/5 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, Lenossi, and White. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/06/6 Moved by Lenossi, supported by White, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Niema White, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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STUDY SESSION, AUGUST 7, 2006

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 7, 2006, was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member April Frayer was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/06/7 Moved by White, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8/06/8 Moved by Buckley, supported by Lenossi, that the Board convene in Executive Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Lenossi, and White. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:38 p.m.

Superintendent's Evaluation and Review of Board Initiation Goals

The Board and Superintendent discussed goals and terms of the Superintendent's evaluation.

8/06/9 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, that the Board reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Buckley, Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Lenossi, and White. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:09 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/06/10 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Lenossi, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Niema White, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Certificates Recognize Cory's "Summer Camp" Benefactors



(Front, from left) Cory Elementary students Megan Bratcher, Ruby Chacon, and Andrianna Barden thanked (from left) Environmental Quality general manager Todd Brinkel, Janice Barden, and Romulus City Councilman John Barden for making donations toward their Summer Camp expenses.



Students Nakaja Pinkston and Jordan Council (third and second from right) presented certificates to their camp benefactors: (from left) Spiratex president Bob Racey, Spiratex Human Resources director Cheryl Grissett, and Romulus Board of Education vice-president Kenneth Mientkiewicz.

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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 24, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 24, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Celeste Roscoe.

Roll call showed members Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, Cheryl Buckley, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member Niema White was excused. Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; and Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Roscoe.

Superintendent Weiss extended condolences to the family of Ed Horn, who passed away on July 24. Superintendent Weiss then asked for a moment of silence. Mr. Horn was the Director of Technology for Romulus Community Schools.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/06/17 Moved by Frayer, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

7/06/18 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of July 10, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/06/19 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2006, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RETIREMENT: Ella Coleman, Custodian, Romulus High School, Effective July 31, 2006.

7/06/20 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Kuderik, that the Board accept the retirement of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Appointment of Board Committees

Board Committee appointments were made as follows: **FINANCE** – Mr. Thomas Kuderik, Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and Mrs. Betty Lenossi; **POLICY** – Mrs. Niema White, Mrs. April Frayer, and Mrs. Cheryl Buckley; and **PERSONNEL** – Mrs. Cheryl Buckley, Mr. Thomas Kuderik, and Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz. **INITIATIVE COMMITTEES** appointments were: **HEALTHY LIVING** – Mrs. Niema White; **CLIMATE** – Mrs. Betty Lenossi; **SCHOOL/COMMUNITY** – Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz; **TECHNOLOGY** – Mr. Thomas Kuderik; **EARLY CHILDHOOD** – Mrs. Cheryl Buckley.

Middle Cities Education Association Membership, 2006–2007

7/06/21 Moved by Buckley, supported by Frayer, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, and join the Middle Cities Education Association for the 2006–2007 school year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Start of School for 2006–2007 School Year

7/06/22 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education declare Tuesday, September 5, 2006, as the starting day of school for the 2006–2007 school year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Thrun Law Firm

7/06/23 Moved by Frayer, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education employ

the Thrun Law Firm, PC, in addition to the firm of Keller Thoma, PC, to act as attorneys for the Board of Education for the 2006–2007 school year. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Boundary Changes

7/06/24 Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, and designate "The Preserves of Romulus" subdivision, located off of Ecorse Road between Wayne Road and Merriman Road, to be within the boundary of Cory Elementary School. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Schools of Choice

7/06/25 Moved by Kuderik, supported by Lenossi, that the Board of Education declare Halecreek Elementary School (5 students each for kindergarten and grades 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6; 2 students for grade 3) and Merriman Elementary School (2 students each for kindergarten and grades 1–6) "Schools of Choice" under Section 105 of the School Code. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

MASB Delegates

7/06/26 Moved by Lenossi, supported by Buckley, that the Board of Education designate three Delegates – Mrs. Celeste Roscoe, Mrs. Cheryl Buckley, and Mr. Thomas Kuderik – to the Michigan Association of School Boards, and designate Mrs. Betty Lenossi and Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz as alternates. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Robert McLachlan appeared before the Board of Education, requesting that the Board prioritize expenditures and consider purchasing new band uniforms. He stated that the cost would be approximately \$30,000, and the Band Boosters could provide \$15,000 of the cost. Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, and Board members stated that they would look into the possibility after enrollment counts in the fall.

Mr. Jason Salhaney, President, Romulus Education Association, appeared before the Board of Education, expressing a desire to settle a contract before August 15, at which time the current contract expires.

Mrs. Dawn Smith appeared before the Board of Education, asking about cuts in administration and the car for the Superintendent. Mrs. Smith was informed by President Roscoe that there had been cuts in administration, and that the Superintendent of Schools does not receive a car.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Cory Elementary School Annual Report; 2) Romulus Middle School Annual Report; and 3) Important Dates for Michigan School Boards and Districts.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Lenossi stated that the annual reports from Cory Elementary and the Middle School were very informative.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/06/27 Moved by Buckley, supported by Frayer, to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Acting Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Romulus Community Schools: Tentative* Calendar, 2006–2007

FIRST SEMESTER

Tu	September 5	First Day of School for All Students – Full Day of Classes
Th	September 14	Romulus High School – Open House (6 to 7:30 p.m.)
Tu	September 19	Romulus Middle School – Open House (6 to 7:30 p.m.)
W	September 20	Elementary Schools – Open House (6 to 7:30 p.m.)
Th	September 21	Alternative Middle/Community High School – Open House (6 to 7:30 p.m.)
W	September 27	Count Day
F	October 13	Romulus High School – End of First Marking Period
Th	October 26	Parent Conferences at Romulus High School (3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.)
Tu	October 31	Half Day of School for All Schools – Professional Development
F	November 3	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools – Assessments/End of First Marking Period
Th	November 9	Parent Conferences at All Elementary Schools (4:30 to 8 p.m.)
F	November 10	Romulus Middle School and Alternative Middle/Community High School – End of First Marking Period
Tu	November 14	Half Day of School for All Schools – Professional Development
Tu	November 14	Parent Conferences at All Elementary Schools (4:30 to 8 p.m.)
Tu	November 14	Parent Conferences at Alternative Middle School (4 to 9 p.m.)
Tu	November 14	Parent Conferences at Community High School (5 to 10 p.m.)
Th	November 16	Parent Conferences at Romulus Middle School (5 to 8 p.m.)
Tu	November 21	Parent Conferences at Romulus Middle School (3 to 6 p.m.)
W	November 22	Romulus High School – End of Second Marking Period
Th	November 23	Thanksgiving Day – No School
F	November 24	No School
M	November 27	Classes Resume
W	December 6	Half Day of School for All Schools – Professional Development
F	December 22	Winter Recess Begins at the End of the Day
M	January 8	Classes Resume
M	January 15	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
F	January 19	Romulus High School – End of Third Marking Period
Tu	January 23	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
W	January 24	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
Th	January 25	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
F	January 26	Records Day – End of First Semester – No School

SECOND SEMESTER

M	January 29	Second Semester Begins
Th	February 8	Parent Conferences at Romulus Middle School (3 to 7 p.m.)
W	February 14	Supplemental Count Day
Tu	February 20	Half Day of School for All Schools – Professional Development
F	February 23	Mid-Winter Break – No School
M	February 26	Mid-Winter Break – No School
Tu	February 27	Classes Resume
W	March 7	Half Day of School for All Schools – Professional Development
Th	March 8	Parent Conferences at All Elementary Schools (5 to 8 p.m.)
F	March 9	Romulus High School – End of Fourth Marking Period
Th	March 22	Parent Conferences at Romulus High School (3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.)
F	March 30	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools – Assessments/End of Third Marking Period
F	April 6	Good Friday – Spring Break Begins – No School
M	April 16	Classes Resume
F	April 20	Romulus Middle School and Alternative Middle/Community High School – End of Third Marking Period
Tu	April 24	Parent Conferences at Alternative Middle School (4 to 9 p.m.)
Tu	April 24	Parent Conferences at Community High School (5 to 10 p.m.)
F	April 27	Romulus High School – End of Fifth Marking Period
Th	May 24	Half Day of School for All Schools – Professional Development
M	May 28	Memorial Day – No School
F	June 8	Romulus High School – End of Sixth Marking Period
Tu	June 12	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
W	June 13	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
Th	June 14	Half Day of School for All Secondary Schools – Final Exams
Th	June 14	Half Day of School for All Elementary Schools – Assessments
F	June 15	Records Day – End of Second Semester – No School

*Due to pending contract negotiations with the Wayne County MEA/NEA (Teachers' Union), this is a tentative calendar, and is subject to change.

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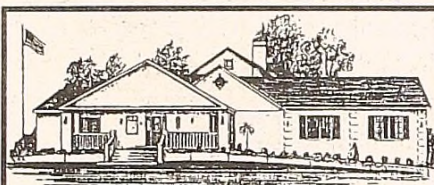
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Obituary

Judith M. Krupa

Judith M. Krupa of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, August 19, 2006, at the age of 67.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on Tuesday, May 2, 1939.

Judith was proud to make a career of helping other people. Besides being employed by Catholic Social Services for 19 years, she also worked with Foster Grandparents for 8½ years and Christ

Child House for 3 years. A truly great grandma, she loved to spend time with her family, and was also devoted to her church (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI).

Surviving Judith are her husband, Thomas Krupa; 2 daughters, Karen (Dennis) Folwell (Commerce Township, MI) and Julie Krupa (Marquette, MI); 2 grandchildren, Nicholas and Madelyn Folwell; a brother, Phillip (Chrystal) Walls (Berlin, MD); and 3 sisters, Patricia Sprowl (Swartz Creek, MI), Beatrice Dillon (Plymouth, MI), and Carole Andress (Orlando, FL). Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Bolls and Ruth (Dudenas) Walls.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 23, at St. Stephen Church, with Father John Hedges acting as officiant. Interment was at Our Lady of Hope (Brownstown Township, MI). Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes to the Father Solanus Casey Capuchin Soup Kitchen (Detroit), the Cross in the Woods (Indian River, MI), or Angela Hospice (Westland, MI) would be greatly appreciated. □

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